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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended). A mobile telephone, having a plurality of different operating characteristics, the mobile telephone comprising:
a wireless receiver for receiving a control message from a remote controller; and
a processor for controlling ~~at least one operating characteristic~~ a plurality of operating characteristics of the mobile telephone in response to the received control message.
2. (Currently Amended). A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one of the operating characteristics is an alert characteristic that determines how the mobile telephone alerts a user.
3. (Currently Amended). A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one of the operating characteristics is an alert characteristic that determines how the mobile telephone alerts a user to an incoming call.
4. (Currently Amended). A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 3, wherein control of the at ~~least one~~ alert characteristic mutes the mobile telephone.
5. (Original) A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the processor is operable to use a first one of a plurality of predetermined sets of operating characteristics in the mobile telephone in response to the received control message.
6. (Original) A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first set of operating characteristics are selectable only in response to a received control message.
7. (Original) A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 5, wherein the processor is operable to add an identifier of the first set of operating characteristics to a displayable list of identifiers identifying the plurality of sets of operating characteristics.
8. (Currently Amended). A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the processor is operable to toggle between ~~at least a first operating characteristic~~ a first predefined plurality of operating characteristics of the mobile telephone and a second ~~operating characteristics~~

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predefined plurality of operating characteristics of the mobile telephone in response to the received control messages from the remote controller.

9. (Currently Amended). A remote controller for use with a mobile telephone as claimed in claim 1, comprising:

a user input device;

a wireless transmitter for transmitting a control message, for controlling ~~the at least one operating characteristic of the mobile telephone~~ to adopt a predefined plurality of operating characteristics, in response to user activation of the user input device; and

an indicator for indicating the adoption of the predefined plurality of operating characteristics of the mobile telephone in response to user activation of the user input device.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Original) A remote controller as claimed in claim 9, wherein a control message is transmitted in response to a single activation of the user input device.

12. (Original) A remote controller as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a second user input device for switching the remote controller on and off and for answering and ending an incoming call to the mobile telephone.

13. (Currently Amended) A remote controller according to claim 9 incorporating a clip, by means of which the controller is adapted to ~~can~~ be clipped to at least one of an ear of a user and ~~to an item of the user's clothing.~~

14. (Original) A remote controller for use with a mobile telephone as claimed in claim 4, comprising:

a user input device;

a wireless transmitter for transmitting a control message for muting the mobile telephone in response to user activation of the user input device; and

an indicator for indicating when the mobile telephone is muted.

15. (Currently Amended). A remote controller for use with a mobile telephone, comprising:

a user input device;

a wireless transmitter for transmitting a control message for controlling the adoption of at least one operating characteristic by the mobile telephone in response to user activation of the

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user input device; and

an indicator for indicating the adoption of at least one operating characteristic by the mobile telephone in response to user activation of the user input device.

16. (Currently Amended). A mobile telephone arrangement comprising:

a mobile telephone, having a plurality of different operating characteristics, and a remote controller, wherein the mobile telephone comprises:

a wireless receiver for receiving a control message from a remote controller; and

a processor for toggling between at least a first operating characteristic of the mobile telephone and a second operating characteristic of the mobile telephone in response to the received control messages from a remote controller; and wherein the remote controller, comprises:

a user input device;

a wireless transmitter for transmitting a control message in response to each user activation of the user input device; and

an indicator for indicating the status of the toggle in response to user activation of the user input device.

17. (New) A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of the plurality of operating characteristics is an audible alert and one of the operating characteristics is a vibration alert.

18. (New) A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 17, wherein in response to a control message being received, the processor is operable to mute the audible alert and deactivate the vibration alert.

19. (New) A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mobile telephone further comprises a memory for storing an indication of a currently operative set of one or more operating characteristics.

20. (New) A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of the operating characteristics is an audible alert and the processor is operable to mute the audible alert while the audible alert is being made by the mobile telephone, in response to a control message being received.

21. (New) A mobile telephone as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a user input device and a display for displaying the plurality of operating characteristics of the mobile telephone, wherein the displayed plurality of operating characteristics are selectable in response to a received control

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message but are not selectable in response to activation of the user input device.

22. (New) A remote controller as claimed in claim 15, wherein successive actuations of the user input device cause the mobile telephone to toggle between the at least one operating characteristic and a second operating characteristic, and the indicator indicates the status of the toggle.

23. (New) A remote controller as claimed in claim 22, wherein whenever the mobile telephone has the at least one operating characteristic, the indicator has a first mode, and whenever the mobile telephone has the second operating characteristic, the indicator has a second mode.